

Education Cabinet

KDLA's Beth Shields selected to attend Archives Leadership Institute

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Beth Shields, an electronic records analyst in the Public Records Division of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA), has been selected to attend the Archives Leadership Institute in Wisconsin. Shields is one of only 26 archivists in the United States selected to attend the event scheduled for July 18-24, 2010. She also received one of institute's full travel and tuition scholarships awarded to attend this program.

The Frankfort resident is a 2004 graduate of the University of Kentucky School of Library and Information Science. Before joining the KDLA staff last year, Shields previously held professional positions at the Library of Virginia and the Kentucky Historical Society.

The institute is held by the University of Wisconsin's School of Library and Information Studies and funded by a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. The goal of the Archives Leadership Institute is to examine the leadership needs of the archives profession and to prepare participants to serve as leaders. A mix of panels, workshops and small group discussions explore topics such as policy issues for archivists; communication and media relations; legislative advocacy; strategies and sources for funding; collaboration; and coalition building.

This is the second consecutive year that KDLA has had a staff member selected to attend the institute. Valerie Edgeworth, librarian for the Kentucky Guide Program, Public Records Division, attended in 2009. Both Shields and Edgeworth were interns at KDLA from 2002-2004 as part of the graduate internship program in partnership with the University of Kentucky School of Library and Information Science.